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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, CS

SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA LETTER

REF: SAN JOSE 4138

1. DEPARTMENT HAS JUST RECEIVED A COPY OF THE REPLY WHICH SENATOR HENRY JACKSON SENT TO COSTA RICAN DEPUTY ECHEVERRIA ON OCTOBER 31. THE SENATOR'S LETTER EXPLAINED THAT HE IS PROVIDING ECHEVERRIA WITH NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS DEMONSTRATING VESCO ARMS ACTIVITIES AS REVEALED IN THE INVESTIGATIONS OF HIS SUBCOMMITTEE. THE SENATOR ENCLOSED TO ECHEVERRIA COPIES OF SUBCOMMITTEE TRANSCRIPT; A LETTER FROM MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY GONZALO SOLORZANO TO MR. STEWART GRAYDON OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL DATED MARCH 12 REQUESTING THREE SILENCED 9 MM SUB-MACHINE GUNS, ONE SILENCED 45 CALIBER SUB-MACHINE GUN AND A COPY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT RETURNING WITHOUT  
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ACTION THE APPLICATION FOR AN EXPORT PERMIT. THE SENATOR

ALSO ENCLOSED THE APPROVED DEPARTMENT OF STATE APPLICATION  
DATED MAY 7, 1974 FOR 6 COLT AR 15 SEMI AUTOMATIC RIFLES  
AND ASSORTED AMMUNITION FOR DELIVERY TO MARTI FIGUERES.  
SENATOR JACKSON EXPLAINS IN HIS LETTER THAT THESE  
DOCUMENTS WOULD NORMALLY BE CONSIDERED PRIVILEGED, BUT THAT

HE IS FORWARDING THEM SINCE HE HAD OBTAINED EVIDENCE  
FROM U.S. SUPPLIER BY SUBPOENA WHICH WAS MADE PART OF  
HEARING RECORD. COPIES OF THE JACKSON LETTER AND ITS  
ENCLOSURES ARE BEING POUCHED TODAY NOVEMBER 8.

2. DEPARTMENT NOW INTENDS TO REPLY TO ECHEVERRIA'S  
LETTER BY ADVISING HIM THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS  
RECEIVED THE REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.

3. SENATOR JACKSON INTENDS TO PROVIDE THE GOCR WITH A  
COPY OF HIS REPLY TO ECHEVERRIA. DEPARTMENT WILL  
ADVISE FURTHER REGARDING MANNER OF THIS TRANSMITTAL TO  
GOCR.

4. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY PASS SUBSTANCE OF PARA-  
GRAPH 1. TO PRESIDENT ODUBER. MAW

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